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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 10, 2002, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in this application. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that Claims 5 and 15 contain allowable subject matter. However, Applicant believes that all of the claims contain allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the remarks to follow.

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